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SUBJ: ECLA REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR LATIN AMERICA ON THE INTEGRATION  
OF WOMEN ON DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO  
POPULATION FACTORS, APRIL 28 - MAY 2

1. TRANSMITTING TEXT OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECLARATION SUBMITTED  
BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

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THE EXPERTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS SEMINAR:

1. RECOGNIZING THAT DESPITE THE ADVANCES MADE AT THE JURIDICAL  
LEVEL IN THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRIES, IN PRACTICE THERE ARE  
STILL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STATUS  
OF WOMEN AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF MEN;

2. REAFFIRMING THAT IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE WOMEN ARE STILL  
SUFFERING FROM A SITUATION OF INEQUALITY ON THE JURIDICAL LEVEL,  
THERE CAN BE NO VALID EXCUSE FOR PUTTING OFF THE SOLUTION OF THIS  
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SERIOUS PROBLEM, WHICH IS A REAL PREREQUISITE FOR THE FULL

INCORPORATION OF WOMEN IN NATIONAL EFFORTS TO GIVE THE WHOLE POPULATION A STANDARD OF LIVING FIT FOR HUMAN BEINGS;

3. RECALLING THAT ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION BOTH IN THE SOLUTION OF ALL TYPES OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND STIMULATION OF RESPECT FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF ALL AND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, RACE, LANGUAGE OR RELIGION;

4. DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE ULTIMATE AIM OF EVERY COMMUNITY IS TO ACHIEVE THE FULL ASSIMILATION OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS INTO THE SOCIAL ORDER ON THE BASIS OF THE FULLEST EQUALITY;

5. SEEKING TO MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFECTIVE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AIMS OF EQUALITY OF RIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH SEXES, FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT, AND THE BROADEST PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF WORLD PEACE;

6. REASSERTING THE URGENT NEED TO BRING ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND MORE STABLE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE FULLY INTEGRATED AND WILL PARTICIPATE EQUITABLY IN THE FRUITS OF PROGRESS, AND IN WHICH WOMEN WILL HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS MEN, NOT THROUGH GIVING THEM A PREFERENTIAL POSITION, BUT THROUGH PERMITTING THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND APTITUDES FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR OWN PERSONAL FULFILMENT AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE;

7. CONSCIOUS THAT THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN ARE THE PROBLEMS OF SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, AND THAT THEREFORE ANY CHANGE IN THE PRESENT STATUS OF WOMEN CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM THE STRUCTURES WHICH STAND IN THE WAY OF THE GENUINE SATISFACTION OF THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND OTHER UNDER-PRIVILEGED GROUPS;

8. BEARING IN MIND THAT THE CRISIS IN THE PREVAILING WORLD INTERNATIONAL ORDER, INSTEAD OF TURNING THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AWAY FROM THE PRESSING ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THIS SEMINAR, SHOULD UNDERLINE THEIR TRUE SIGNIFICANCE;  
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9. SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

(A) THE ISSUE OF EQUALITY, AS IT AFFECTS THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE FEMALE POPULATION OF THE WORLD, IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT, WHICH EXISTS AS A RESULT NOT ONLY OF UNSUITABLE INTERNAL STRUCTURES, BUT ALSO OF A PROFOUNDLY UNJUST WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM;

(B) THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIES WITH THE COUNTRIES THEMSELVES: THEY MUST THEREFORE BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, TO MOBILIZE THEIR BASIC RESOURCES FULLY, TO INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY REFORMS IN THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO ABSORB THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THEIR AVAILABLE HUMAN RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY THE HITHERTO UNEXPLORED POTENTIAL OF WOMEN, AND TO ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION OF THEIR PEOPLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND IN THE BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM IT;

(C) URGENT MEASURES MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN, IN KEEPING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SO AS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEM IN ACCELERATING THEIR RATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THEIR PEOPLES, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION OF WOMEN, WHICH IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IN THOSE PARTS OF THE WORLD WHICH ARE THE HOME FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF MANKIND AND ARE CONFRONTED DAILY WITH AN ENDLESS SERIES OF GRAVE AND PRESSING POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

(D) IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, OF WHICH THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES CONSTITUTES A BASIC ELEMENT FOUNDED ON EQUITY, SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, INTERDEPENDENCE, COMMON INTEREST, CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ALL STATES WHATEVER THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE ON THE ADVANCE OF THE SOCIETIES MAKING UP THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND OF WOMEN WITHIN THOSE SOCIETIES;

(E) THE RAISING OF THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PERSONS INHABITING THE UNDER-DEVELOPED PART OF THE WORLD

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TO A LEVEL COMPATIBLE WITH HUMAN DIGNITY, THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, FOREIGN DOMINATION, FOREIGN OCCUPATION, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, AND THE FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRIES, PROVIDING THEM WITH TRAINING WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM BETTER TO DISCHARGE BOTH THEIR MODERN AND TRADITIONAL DUTIES: ALL THESE CONSTITUTE A REAL CHALLENGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, AND AT THE SAME TIME ARE INDISPENSABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE STABILITY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL MANKIND AND FOR WORLD PEACE;

10. ALSO DECLARE THAT THE OBJECTIVES CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENT DECLARATION CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IN A WORLD IN WHICH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ARE GOVERNED BY SUCH PRINCIPLES AS THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF STATES, THE FREE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES, THE

UNACCEPTABILITY OF ACQUIRING TERRITORY BY FORCE, TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY, AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER  
STATES, JUST AS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN HUMAN BEINGS MUST BE GOVERNED  
BY THE SUPREME PRINCIPLE OF ABSOLUTE EQUALITY OF RIGHTS FOR MEN  
AND WOMEN.  
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